

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

### ***Listen For His Coming***

*Arr. by Mark Hayes*

*Milette Silverio, piano*

*John Tiffin, keyboard*

Welcome &  
Announcements

Rev. Timothy Biel, Jr.

\*Call to Worship

*Evan Arvizu, Reader*

Good friends, Rejoice. God is with you.

**Even though we are imperfect and too often  
have turned our backs on God, still God is  
with us.**

God's love is forever. You are beloved.

**Even when we behave in ways which are  
contrary to what God would have us do.**

God forgives and loves you and seeks your  
well-being.

**Praise be to God for such wondrous love.**

**AMEN.**

by Nancy Townley

\*Hymnal #220

### ***Angels From The Realms of Glory***

Lighting the Advent Candles

Opening prayer

**Lord, we have come to this place from a world of  
demands and schedules. We have sought hope and  
peace and have found them here. Now we seek the  
inner joy that only your presence can bring to our  
lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love.  
For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

by Nancy Townley

## WORD

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Scripture Reading

### ***Zephania 3:14-20***

Anthem

### ***The Yearning***

*Craig Courtney*

*The Chancel Choir*

*Milette Silverio, piano*

\*Gospel **Matthew 1:18-19**

\*TFWS #2092 **Like A Child**

The Message **Whose Child Is This?**

Entrance into Silence

TFWS#2157 **Come And Fill Our Hearts**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

Offertory **Beautiful Things**  
*by Michael and Lisa Gungor  
Jamie and Julianne Arvizu  
Chris Bartlett, John Tiffin and  
Millete Silverio*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

## **TABLE**

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Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (come forward)

## **SENDING FORTH**

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\*Hymnal #240 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**  
Verses 1 & 2

Benediction and Passing the Peace

Postlude **Fantasy on Hyfrydol**  
*Roland Prichard  
Arr. by Mark Thallander  
Millete Silverio, organ*

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*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME!

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If you are a guest today, we welcome you and are honored that you have come to worship at Central. Today, as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be a member of United Methodist Central to participate; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and the cup.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **PAM CASTANEDA** in loving memory of her mother-in-law, **VICTORIA CASTANEDA**.

Also, please note that the **2019 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** is on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Please start thinking about what dates you would like to provide flowers for the altar in the year to come.

## AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **DORINE SOBERS**.

## THANK YOU

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We raised **\$2,418** at our **SANTA IN THE CABIN** event. Many thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy to make Santa in the Cabin a big success.

## ANOTHER THANK YOU

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Another thank you goes to Rev. Biel and his son, Timothy, Ron Konior, Elton Moody, Russ Reuter, Wayne Rogoski and John Tiffin for putting up the Nativity scene in front of the church. The hot chocolate served by Kathy Tiffin after they had finished was very welcome on a cold day.

## AND ANOTHER THANK YOU

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Thank you to everyone who bought toys for the Niles Township Pantry. You have helped to make a child's Christmas very special.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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There will be two services on **Christmas Eve, December 24**. The first one will be at **6 pm** and the second at **10 pm**.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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2018 **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - to be sent to shut-ins (and others) - are available for signing in Fellowship Hall today.

## PLEDGE ENVELOPES

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Thank you for your giving throughout 2018, and into the new year of 2019. Financial envelopes for 2019 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name please contact Pam Castaneda (847-673-1311).

## STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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Ferdinand Soco, Chair of Central's Staff-Parish Committee, invites you to consider a donation for Central Church Staff **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**. Checks may be put in the offering plate, marked "Staff Gifts." Thank you for these expressions of appreciation!

## FURNACE UPDATE

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The two furnaces are still being installed on the west side of the Education Building. The cost of installing all three furnaces is **\$40,000**. The congregation has raised **\$9,410** as of this date. Many thanks to all those who have contributed towards the cost of the furnaces. Additional contributions for the new and efficient models would be greatly appreciated. Please put "furnace" on the memo line of your check.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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December 23 - Tom Downes  
Robin Reuter

(To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or [central\\_church@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:central_church@skokiecentralumc.org).)

## **CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**The 3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

**Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Fellowship to follow

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 - Circle 8 (FH)

7 pm - Boy Scouts

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm -Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**The 4th Sunday of Advent**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

**Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Fellowship to follow

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Eve**

**Services at 6 pm and 10 pm**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,  
contact the church office*

***Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted***

***Living & Extended Care:***

Edith Bass

Doris Bloom

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

Rosemarie Young

***At Home:***

Carolyn Adams

Nancy Blaylock

Jacquie Leipold

Lois Martin

Rev. Sylvia Pleas

Harriet Tiahnybik

Nena Zamora

Eutopio Zamora

## **LEADERS**

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Today's Reader..... **Evan Arvizu**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Dorine Sobers**

Ministers .....**The People of the Congregation**

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

**Message: Christ Lives Today!**

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today, and forever***